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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: ITEM 16 - ECOSOC ACTION ON REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

REF: A. UN DOC E/6004, B. GENEVA 6418, C. STATE 177833

1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF 63RD ECOSOC TOOK ACTION ON THE
REFERNCED DOCUMENT, AND ITS RESOLUTIONS AND DE CISIONS ON
JULY 29.

2. SOVIETS CALLED FOR A VOTE ON DRAFT RESOLUTION I (WATER CON-
FEENCE FOLLOW-UP) AND ABSTAINED ALONG WIT OTHER MEMBERS OF
EASTERN BLOC. THEY EXPLAINED THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED
SPECIAL SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES (CNR); MATTER
COULD BE TREATED AT A REGULAR SESSION THEY SAID. IT IS THEEFORE
POSSIBLE THAT THEY WILL PURSUE SIMILAR TACTIC ON WATER CONFER-
ENCE RESOLUTION (REF B). SINCE OUR CONCERNS HAVE BEEN MET,
DELEGATION PLNS TO VOTE "YES" FOR THAT RESOLUTION, IF A VOTE
IS CALLED. NOTE: ALTHOUGH DRAFT HAD OBTAINED CONSENSUS AT CNR,
SOVIETS HAD EXPRESSED THESE VIEWS TO US MISSION IN NEW YORK SO
SHORTLY AFTER CNR. THEY EXPLAINED CONSENSUS BY NOTINGTHAT USSR
HAD BEEN REPRESENTED AT CNR BY "A BUNCH OF MOSCOW GEOLOGISTS"
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WHO WERE ILL-INFORMED.

3. USDEL CALLED FOR A VOTE ON DRAFT RES VI PERMANENT SOVER-
EIGHTY AND VOTED NO. ELEVEN COUNTRIES (AUSTRIA, CANADA, DENMARK,
FRANCE, FRG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PORTUGAL,
UK) ABSTAINED. IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST, US EXPLANATIONS
OF VOTE WAS CONFINED TO REAFFIRMING POSITIOONS TAKEN AT CNR,
AND EC SPOKESMAN (DENMARK) REFERRED TO WELL-KNOWN POSITIONS.

JAPANESE DELEGATION EXPLAINED ITS "YES" VOTE IN NOTING ITS RESERVATION ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY WHILE GREEK DELEGATION STATED THAT ITS "YES" VOTE WAS TO INDICATE SUPPORT OF THIS PRINCIPLE (AND, BY IMPLICATION, ITS RESERVATIONS ON THE POLITICAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED).

4. VOTES WERE 22-0-5, AND 24-1-11 RESPECTIVELY, WITH ABSENCES SIMPLY REFLECTING THAT DELEGATIONS WERE NOT PRESENT AT TIME OF VOTE.

5. OTHER DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

6. COMMITTEE THEN TOOK NOTE OF THE REPORT, AND THE CNR RESOLUTION AND DECISIONS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER I, SECTION B.

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